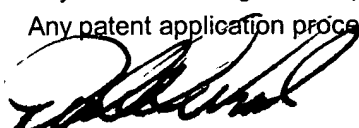
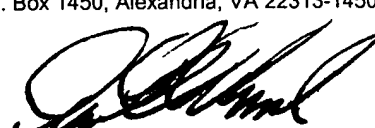


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Serial No. 09/644,594	Filing Date August 23, 2000	Inventor Butler, Michael E.	Group Art Unit 3653		
Invention: <b>APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING ITEMS OF VALUE IN COOPERATION WITH OPERATION OF A COMPANION DEVICE</b>					
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1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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